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ON "TRILATERAL" ARRANGEMENTS WITH OIL
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1. DURING HIS CALL ON MAY 2, THE AMBASSADOR ASKED

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MINISTER BAHR ABOUT THE OUTLOOK OF ARRANGEMENTS SUCH

AS THAT CONCLUDED BY GENSCHER DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA FOR ASSISTANCE TO THIRD COUNTRIES, FOR WHICH THE SAUDIS WOULD PROVIDE THE FUNDS AND THE GERMANS THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. THE AMBASSADOR ASKED WHETHER IT WAS REALISTIC TO EXPECT THE SAUDIS AND OTHERS TO BE RECEPTIVE TO SUCH DEALS.

2. BAHR SAID THAT NOT ALL OIL PRODUCERS WOULD BE INTERESTED BUT THAT THOSE SUCH AS SAUDI ARABIA WITH MORE FUNDS THAN THEY COULD USE MIGHT FIND IT USEFUL SINCE IT WOULD GIVE THEM THE BENEFIT OF GERMAN EXPERIENCE IN DEALING WITH THE MANAGEMENT OF FOREIGN PROJECTS.

3. BAHR ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THESE ARRANGEMENTS WOULD HAVE A BENEFIT FOR THE FRG IN GIVING JOBS FOR PRODUCERS OF EQUIPMENT TO BE DELIVERED. HE REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO PROJECTS FOR THE SUDAN. HE ADMITTED THAT THE RECENT DEATH OF THE SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE ASSASSINATION OF KING FAISAL MADE IT A LITTLE UNCERTAIN WHERE THIS CONCEPT WOULD GO.

4. ONE FINAL ADVANTAGE HE SAW FOR THESE ARRANGEMENTS WAS THAT IT WOULD RESULT IN RECYCLING OF PETRODOLLARS IN A "NORMAL" WAY, SINCE THEY WOULD BE USED TO FINANCE REAL TRANSFER OF GOODS FROM THE INDUSTRIAL WORLD TO THOSE LDCS MOST IN NEED OF AID.
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